

Council on Aging Board Meeting
May 11, .2005

In Attendance:

Vice-Chairman Helene Tanenholtz, Board members Al Crommett, Lillian Goodman, Tim Swiss and Secretary John Concordia. Director Sharon Yager was also present. Chairman Paul Keegan and board member Helen McLaughlin were excused.

1. Chairman's Comments:

Helene opened the meeting at 10am. The minutes of the April 13th meeting were reviewed and accepted by the board. Helene noted that the by-laws called for the election of officers in May. The board voted to postpone elections until the June meeting. Helene also reported that The Friends are planning a recognition day next Tuesday May 17th, to acknowledge 10 years of progress in their organization. Board members are invited to attend. The Friends are having a luncheon at Indian Meadows on May 21st.

2. Director's Comments:

Sharon reported that the budget for FY '06 as presently configured will require that the volunteer coordinator's position be eliminated. The board suggested that Sharon look into the possibility of a volunteer taking on that responsibility. Sharon will complete her master's degree program at Worcester State this month. The board offered congratulations to her.

3. Liaison Reports:

Sharon reported that we may have new representative for liaison with the Central MA Agency on Aging and Shrews. Comm. Part./Children later this year.

Walter Rice submitted a report of his April activities including statistics from Elder Services of Worcester on case management and home care. Sharon and Walter are currently spending some time with 2 "protective" cases. The report is available at the office. John and Sharon commented on their attendance at a conference at the Worcester Senior Center on May 2nd at which U.S. Rep. McGovern and State Sen. Augustus and others listened to seniors concerns/issues to be debated at a White House conference in October.

4. Old Business:

The formula grant will be used to maintain present services as best we can within the town's budget restraints this year. The annual volunteer recognition affair will be unfunded in the coming year. This year's event was well attended and helped immeasurably by students from the Shrewsbury Schools on vacation that week.

5. New Business:

The health fair committee has decided that we will be unable to have a fair this year because of the volunteer coordinator position situation but they are considering other health related activity which may be useful and interesting in place of the fair.

Sharon reported that some manual tallying has been done with the 2002 survey data -conclusions not readily available yet.

6. Other:

Al Crommett reported on the new Medicare Part D program which becomes effective in January 2006. SHINE will make information available for wide distribution during the coming months.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08am.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Concordia, Secretary*